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Social Problems and Reforms

NEW BOOKS

ARONOVICI, C. *Housing conditions in Fall River*. (Fall River, Mass.: Associated Charities Housing Committee. 1912. Pp. 29.)

The report is based upon an investigation made by the Bureau of Social Research of New England for the Housing Committee of the Fall River Associated Charities. Investigation lasted for six weeks and covered 279 buildings containing 1171 apartments with a population of 5980 persons, or 5 per cent of the population of Fall River. More than ordinary discrimination has been shown in the treatment of the subject. This ranks among the first of housing reports for directness and accuracy of statement, elimination of superfluous data, and restraint of diction. J. F.

BALCH, W. M. *Christianity and the labor movement*. (Boston: Sherman, French & Co. 1912. Pp. 108. \$1.)

BIGET, H. *Le logement de l'ouvrier, étude de la législation des habitations à bon marché en France à l'étranger*. (Paris: Jouve et Cie. 1913. Pp. 500. 5 fr.)

BLAKEY, L. S. *The sale of liquor in the South. The history of the development of a normal social restraint in southern commonwealths*. Columbia university studies in history, economics and public law, LI. (New York: Longmans. 1912. Pp. 56.)

BLOCH, I. *Die Prostitution*. (Berlin: Louis Marcus. 1912. Pp. 870. 10 m.)

BRASSEUR, H. and CREPLET, L. E. *Les maisons ouvrières. Etude au point de vue économique et applications dans le domaine des chemins de fer de l'état belge*. (Paris: Dunod & Pinat. 1913. Pp. 38. 1 fr.)

CAHEN, G. *Le logement dans les villes. La crise parisienne*. (Paris: Alcan. 1913. Pp. 292. 3.50 fr.)

CONERT, I. H. *Die sächsischen Terraingesellschaften und ihr Einfluss auf die Stadterweiterung*. (Leipzig: Duncker & Humblot. 1913.)

COOLEY, E. G. *Vocational education in Europe*. (Chicago: Commercial Club. 1912. Pp. 347.)

COULTER, E. K. *The children in the shadow*. Introduction by JACOB A. RISS. (New York: McBride, Nast & Co. 1913. Pp. xvii, 277. \$1.50.)

The former clerk of the New York children's court and founder of the "Big Brother" movement gives a graphic account of child delinquency in New York and interprets it in relation to the delinquency of the parent and of the community.

CROTCH, W. W. *Charles Dickens and social reform*. (London: Chapman & Hall. 1913.)

DANIELSON, F. H. and DAVENPORT, C. B. *The hill folk. Report on*

- a rural community of hereditary defectives.* (Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.: Eugenics Record Office. 1912. Pp. 56. 75c.)
- DODGE, H. H. *Survey of occupations open to the girl fourteen to sixteen years.* (Boston: Girls Trade Educ. League. 1912. Pp. 39. 25c.)
- HAASE, O. *Das Problem der Wohnungsgesetzgebung.* (Berlin: F. Vahlen. 1913. Pp. 160. 3 m.)
- JACQUET, L. *L'alcool; étude économique générale, ses rapports avec l'agriculture, l'industrie, le commerce, la législation, l'impôt, l'hygiène individuelle et sociale.* (Paris: Masson et Cie. 1912. Pp. xviii, 944. 17 fr.)
- LEONHARD, S. *Die Prostitution, ihre hygienische, sanitäre, sittenpolizeiliche und gesetzliche Bekämpfung.* (Munich: E. Reinhardt. 1912. 4 m.)
- PICHT, W. *Toynbee Hall und die englische Settlement-Bewegung.* Archiv für Sozialwissenschaft und Sozialpolitik, 9. (Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr. 1913. Pp. xi, 217. 6 m.)
- RUSSELL, J. E. and BONSER F. G. *Industrial education.* (New York: Teachers' College, Columbia Univ. 1913. Pp. 65. 30c.)
- STAMMHAMER, J. *Bibliographie der Social-Politik.* Two volumes. (Jena: Fischer. 1912. Pp. vi, 881. 30 m.)
Covers books and articles published from 1895 to 1911.
- STELZLE, C. *American social and religious conditions.* (New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. 1912. Pp. 240. \$1.)
- STONE, D. *Divorce and remarriage; an address on the majority and minority reports of the Royal Commission on Divorce and Matrimonial Causes; with an appendix of authorities.* (New York: Longmans. 1913. Pp. 39. 40c.)
- THOMPSON, M. H. *Environment and efficiency; a study in the records of industrial schools and orphanages.* Birmingham studies in social economics and adjacent fields. (New York: Longmans. 1912. Pp. 100. 75c.)
- WILSON, W. H. *The evolution of the country community; a study in religious sociology.* (Boston: Pilgrim Press. 1912. Pp. xvii, 221. \$1.25.)
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- *Converging views of social reform. Lectures on the life of the industrial worker, given at the Interdenominational Summer School at Sanwick, Derbyshire, June 22-29, 1912.* (London: Dent. 1s. 6d.)
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- *Report of the Lawrence survey. Studies in relation to Lawrence, Mass. made in 1911.* (Andover, Mass.: The Andover Press. 1912. Pp. 263.)
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- *Social service series.* Comprising *Child Labor*, O. R.

LOVEJOY; *Disruption of the home*, G. C. CHASE; *One rest-day in seven*, O. C. HORSMAN; *Workingmen's insurance*, C. R. HENDERSON; *The housing problem*, J. C. KENNEDY; *The church in the country town*, C. O. BEMIS. (Philadelphia: Am. Baptist Pub. Soc. 1913. 10c each.)

Year-book of social progress for 1912. Summary of recent legislation, official reports, and voluntary effort, with regard to welfare of the people. (London: Nelson. 1912. Pp. viii, 617. 2s.)

Die Forderungen der deutschen Wohnungsreformbewegung an die Gesetzgebung. (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. 1913. 1.20 m.)

Insurance and Pensions

An Introduction to the History of Life Assurance. By A. FINGLAND JACK. (New York: E. P. Dutton and Company. 1912. Pp. xii, 263. \$2.50.)

The two parts into which this book is divided might almost have been bound separately, under different titles.

The first and longer part is a survey of the gild system. It is a coherent and comprehensive sketch, with not much more emphasis upon charitable and mutual relief than would be found in a treatment having no thought of the bearing of gilds upon life insurance. The author explains, "I have thought it necessary to devote a large portion of the book to a consideration of the Gilds, because the relief for which they were responsible was so much a part of their nature that to seek to deal with it without reference to general development and characteristics would lead to wrong impressions" (p. ix). But the survey goes far beyond "reference" to general characteristics. The chapters on the Roman Collegia, the Frith Gilds, the Social-Religious Gilds, and Gild Relief naturally emphasize mutual aid, especially burial and support of families of sick or deceased brethren; but an equal number of chapters, relating to Gild Beginnings, the Merchant Gilds, and the Craft Gilds, lay no special stress upon mutual benefits. The survey is a conscientious summary of the best secondary authorities, both German and English, and is scholarly, though making no pretense of originality. But it is difficult to resist the conclusion that interest in the gild system seriously diverted the author from his original intention of writing an introduction to the history of life insurance; unless, indeed, the introduction to the history grew out of a study of the gild system, which is unlikely.